

**And thinking is like this:**

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It's the electrostatic orb at the museum –

Touch it and jagged colors shoot to your fingertips, but

Other times thoughts are noodles

slipping

and

dribbling

through a

colander

And sometimes thoughts hurl themselves pell-mell almost in a blind fury like being pelted with marshmallows; it's almost fun but also exhausting because you do get so many at once that it can be hard to catch your breath but also in a way is exhilarating, but unfortunately sometimes it's more like being caught in a swarm of locusts and you need to swat them away as they are more annoying than helpful and also it's scary when it happens like this because you are afraid you will never again sleep and the thoughts may be bad ones bringing anguish

And other times they curl themselves

into a pinpoint in the middle

of a spiral so that

it seems you

will need

tweezers

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And most lovely is when they float down,  
leaves through perfectly temperatured air  
You can watch them with ease, and  
without knowing how it's happened,  
they become a part of you and you  
can think upon them as you wish  
These ones, though, are very delicate,  
can also disappear, begin to waft away  
and you are left trying to find the end of

a spider web in the breeze...

And everything has feelings:

One time in 3rd grade music class,  
to learn the notes, Mrs. Fisher had  
us think of words using only the letters  
A through G

She played our little compositions on the piano:  
EGG, BAG, GAB  
plink, plink, plink

Suddenly one girl shouted "CABBAGE!"  
And everyone clapped at the surprising opus  
But the girl started to cry for the left out D and F

And long before that, once on a math test  
You were to circle the smaller number:

3 or 10

But ten felt smaller that day...  
Sad, wispy white, starting to float  
away, and needed its one and zero  
held fast, so she drew a sort of chirping  
circle around it, in the shape of a bird's head  
with the beak pointing toward the 3 so it wouldn't feel left out

And in the next part, where it said  
"Show how you know"

She drew a rainbow